## **HOUSE BILL 1823**

By Hawk

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-101, relative to healthcare coverage in establishing child support awards.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-101(h)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting the following:

(1) The court may direct the acquisition or maintenance of health insurance covering each child of the marriage and may order either party to pay all, or each party to pay a pro rata share of, the healthcare costs not paid by insurance proceeds if reasonable and affordable health insurance is available.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.